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INDICTMENT FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER UNDER THE ADAM WALSH CHILD PROTECTION SAFETY ACT

SACRAMENTO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott and United States Marshal Antonio Amador announced today that a federal grand jury returned an indictment against KENNETH EUGENE HOWE, 26, of Sacramento, with failing to register as a sex offender after traveling between states.

HOWE is charged with violating a law recently enacted by Congress as part of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. This law provides federal criminal penalties for convicted sex offenders who move from one state to another, and who then knowingly fail to register or update their registration as required by the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

This case was investigated by the United States Marshals Service in Sacramento. The Marshals Service, the City of Sacramento Police Department, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, and other agencies have formed a Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team. This team investigates registered sex offenders who live in the City and/or County of Sacramento and fail to register with the authorities as required by law. The participation of the United States Marshals Service allows the team to investigate and prosecute offenders who have moved to the Sacramento area from another state, or who have moved from the Sacramento area to another state.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kenneth Melikian, who is prosecuting the case, HOWE faces a maximum of ten years in prison, and a fine of up to \$250,000. The actual sentence,

however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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